

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1079

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A RESOLUTION to designate a bridge spanning the Tennessee River on U.S. Highway 11 (State Route 2) in Loudon County as the "Congressman John J. Duncan, Jr. / Loudon County Veterans Memorial Bridge".

WHEREAS, the previous bridge spanning the Tennessee River on U. S. Highway 11 (State Route 2) within the corporate limits of the City of Loudon in Loudon County was named the "Veterans Memorial Bridge" in honor of Loudon's and Loudon County's many heroic veterans; and

WHEREAS, Congressman John J. Duncan, Jr. worked assiduously and successfully to secure federal funding to build a new bridge at this location; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to honor Congressman Duncan and recognize the dedicated and effective manner in which he serves his district and his constituents, while also maintaining the historical designation of such bridge, which honors those brave sons and daughters of Loudon and Loudon County who sacrificed personal concerns and their safety as members of the United States armed forces, with many of them giving their lives, so that we might enjoy the many bounties of democracy and the American way of life; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the new bridge spanning the Tennessee River on U.S. Highway 11 (State Route 2) within the corporate limits of the City of Loudon in Loudon County is hereby designated the "Congressman John J. Duncan, Jr. / Loudon County Veterans Memorial Bridge."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such bridge as the "Congressman John J. Duncan, Jr. / Loudon County Veterans Memorial Bridge."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the Federal Highway Administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the City of Loudon in Loudon County, Tennessee, either (1) remits the estimated cost of the erection of such signs to the Department of Transportation within one (1) year of the effective date of this resolution, or (2) manufactures and erects such signs pursuant to state and federal guidelines and as approved by the Department. If electing option (1), the City of Loudon shall make payment of the estimated cost prior to any expenditure by the State for manufacture or installation of such signs. The Department shall return any unused portion of the estimated costs to the City of Loudon within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, the City of Loudon shall remit an amount equal to the difference in such costs to the Department within thirty (30) days of receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.